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Applicant: Bunch, R. T. et al.

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Case No.: SO-3170-US

For: BIOMARKERS AND ASSAYS FOR CARCINOGENESIS

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

> St. Louis, Missouri February 13, 2002

<u>PETITION</u> FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

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1. Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a 3 month extension of time for response to the outstanding Official Action mailed The period for response was previously set to elapse August 13, 2001. November 13, 2001, and is accordingly hereby extended to February 13, 2002. which is still within the six month statutory period for response (35 U.S.C. §133) which elapses February 13, 2002. The reason for this petition is as follows:

$[[\times]]$	A response to the outstanding Official Action is being filed herewith.
$[\Box]$	It is expected that a response to the outstanding Official Action will
	be filed within the extending period for response;
$[\Box]$	A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37 C.F.R. §1,1991) is
	being filed herewith;
$[\Box]$	It is expected that a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37
	C.F.R. §1.191) will be filed within the extended period for response;
$[\Box]$	A Division, Continuation, or Continuation-In-Part is being filed, and
	it is desired to maintain the present application in pending condition
	pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 through at least the filing date of the
	Division, Continuation, or Continuation-In-Part application.

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Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 13, 2002

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3. Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §1.9(f)) in this application: Has been established by a Verified Statement or Declaration filed. 4. The required fee as established by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), (b), (c) or (d) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8) is: Other than Small Entity Small Entity First Month \$55.00 \$110.00 Second Month \$200.00 \$400.00

5. The above fee of \$920.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-1025:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1025. *Duplicates of this sheet are enclosed.*

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: Feb 13 2002

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